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Bangkok, 6–8 November 2017
Agenda item 5
Adoption of the report of the Meeting

Draft report

I. Matters calling for action by the Commission or brought to its attention

Matters brought to the attention of the Commission

1. The Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration decides to submit the present report and the Chair's summary (E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/WP.1) to the preparatory meeting to take stock of the inputs for the global compact, to be held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, from 4 to 6 December 2017, and to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) at its seventy-fourth session.

II. Proceedings

A. Review of migration policies and programmes and their impact on facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration and on supporting all dimensions of sustainable development
(Agenda item 2)

2. The Regional Preparatory Meeting had before it the notes by the secretariat on trends and drivers of international migration in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/1 and E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/1/Corr.1) and on international migration, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/2).

3. The secretariat gave a presentation for the launch of the report entitled "*Towards Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Asia-Pacific Region: Challenges and Opportunities*".

4. The Regional Preparatory Meeting benefited from a high-level panel discussion on the theme "Towards a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration". The panel comprised Mr. Abdul Latheef Mohamed, Minister of State, Ministry of Economic Development, Maldives; Mr. Deepak Dhital, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva; Ms. Chou Bun Eng, Secretary of State, Ministry of

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Interior, and Permanent Vice-Chair, National Committee on Counter-trafficking in Persons, Cambodia; Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh; Mr. Andrew Goledzinowski, Ambassador on People Smuggling and Human Trafficking, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia; and Mr. William Gois, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia. A discussion with member States followed.

5. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations and co-facilitator of the negotiations for the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, made a statement.

6. Representatives of the following members and associate members of the Commission made statements: Armenia; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; China; Fiji; India; Indonesia; Japan; Nepal; New Zealand; Pakistan; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Singapore; Sri Lanka; and Thailand.

7. A representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

8. Representatives of the following bodies, specialized agencies and funds made statements: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

9. Representatives of the following civil society organizations made statements: Migrant Forum in Asia; and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

10. The representative of the Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference made a statement.

B. Thematic discussions on key issues in the Asia-Pacific region for facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration

(Agenda item 3)

11. The Regional Preparatory Meeting had before it the notes by the secretariat on labour migration in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/3), on mixed migration in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/4) and on migration and climate change in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/5), as well as the conference room paper on smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/CRP.1).

12. Thematic discussions on the key issues under sub-items (a), (b), (c) and (d) of agenda item 3 were held.

(a) Legal and orderly labour migration as a contribution towards all dimensions of sustainable development, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications and other relevant measures

13. The Regional Preparatory Meeting benefited from a panel discussion on the topic. The panel was moderated by Mr. Raja Manzoor Ahmed Kayani, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development, Pakistan, and Mr. David Lamotte, Deputy Regional Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, International Labour Organization (ILO). The panel comprised Mr. Albert Valenciano, Director, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Department of Labour and Employment,

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Philippines; Ms. Pui Yu Ip, Regional Coordinator for Asia, International Domestic Workers Federation, Hong Kong, China; and Mr. Neill Wilkins, Programme Manager, Migrant Workers Programme, Institute for Human Rights and Business, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. A discussion with member States followed.

14. Representatives of the following members and associate members made statements: Indonesia; New Zealand; and Philippines.

15. The representative of the Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference made a statement.

(b) Addressing the drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, and conflict prevention and resolution

16. The Regional Preparatory Meeting benefited from a panel discussion on the topic. The panel was moderated by Mr. Abdul Latheef Mohamed, Minister of State, Ministry of Economic Development, Maldives. The panel comprised Mr. Fakasoa Tealei, Senior Assistant Secretary for Human Resource Management, Office of the Prime Minister, Tuvalu; Mr. Ezekiel Simperingham, Regional Migration Coordinator, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; and Ms. Sriprapha Petcharamesree, Senior Research Advisor, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand. A discussion with member States followed.

17. Representatives of the following members and associate members made statements: Armenia; Bangladesh; Fiji; Indonesia; Japan; and Philippines.

18. The representative of FAO made a statement.

19. The representative of the Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference made a statement.

(c) Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, and issues of appropriate identification and protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims

20. The Regional Preparatory Meeting benefited from a panel discussion on the topic. The panel was moderated by Ms. Chou Bun Eng, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior, and Permanent Vice-Chair, National Committee on Counter-trafficking in Persons, Cambodia. The panel comprised Ms. Vicki Mau, National Manager, Migration Support Programmes, Australian Red Cross; Mr. Takgon Lee, Attorney, Dongcheon Foundation, Republic of Korea; and the Co-Chairs of the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime, Mr. Andrew Goledzinowski, Ambassador on People Smuggling and Human Trafficking, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia, and Mr. Ary Aprianto, Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia. A discussion with member States followed.

21. Representatives of the following members and associate members made statements: Armenia; Japan; and Papua New Guinea.

22. The representative of the Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference also made a statement.

23. Representatives of the following entities also made statements: Commission on Filipinos Overseas; Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines; and Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women.

(d) Regional cooperation and governance with regard to migration in all its dimensions, including at borders and during transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration

24. The Regional Preparatory Meeting benefited from a panel discussion on the topic. The panel was moderated by Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh. The panel comprised Ms. Dovelyn Rannveig Mendoza, Independent Migration Consultant; Ms. Deepa Sannasooriya, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Employment, Sri Lanka; Mr. Askar Kishkembaev, Head of the Secretariat of the Member of the Board and Minister for Economy and Financial Policy, Eurasian Economic Commission; and Mr. William Gois, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia. A discussion with member States followed.

25. Representatives of the following members and associate members made statements: Afghanistan; Armenia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Nauru; Philippines; and Thailand.

26. A representative of the Task Force on ASEAN Migrant Workers also made a statement.

C. Consideration of the Chair's summary
(Agenda item 4)

27. The Chair presented her summary (E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/WP.1). After consideration, country representatives agreed that it reflected the discussions held during the Regional Preparatory Meeting.

D. Adoption of the report of the Meeting
(Agenda item 5)

28. The Regional Preparatory Meeting adopted the present report on 8 November 2017.

III. Organization

A. Opening, duration and organization of the Meeting

29. The Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration was held in Bangkok from 6 to 8 November 2017. It was opened by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP and Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director General, International Organization for Migration (IOM).

30. The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration delivered a keynote address.

B. Attendance

31. The Regional Preparatory Meeting was attended by representatives of the following members and associate members: Afghanistan; Armenia; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Cambodia; China; Cook Islands; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Fiji; France; Georgia; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Japan; Kazakhstan; Kiribati; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Macao, China; Malaysia; Maldives;

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Mongolia; Nauru; Nepal; New Zealand; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Singapore; Sri Lanka; Tajikistan; Thailand; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam.

32. Representatives of the following Permanent Observers to ESCAP attended: Canada; Mexico; and Switzerland.

33. Representatives of Bahrain attended.

34. Representatives of the following offices of the United Nations Secretariat attended: Department of Economic and Social Affairs; and Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration.

35. Representatives of the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds attended: FAO; ILO; IOM; Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; UNICEF; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Office for Project Services; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; and United Nations Population Fund.

36. Representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations attended: Asian Development Bank; Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat; Delegation of the European Union to Thailand; Eurasian Economic Commission; International Centre for Migration Policy Development; Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference; and Regional Support Office of the Bali Process.

37. Representatives of the following non-governmental organizations, civil society and other entities attended: ASEAN Confederation of Employers; ASEAN Trade Union Council; Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration; Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development; Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants; Asia-Pacific Refugee Rights Network; Australian Red Cross; Bangladesh Ovibashi Mohila Sramik Association; Building and Wood Workers' International; Centre for Migrant Advocacy Philippines; Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines; Community Development Services; Embassy of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta; Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women; HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation; Horticulture New Zealand; Institute for Human Rights and Business; International Committee of the Red Cross; International Detention Coalition; International Domestic Workers Federation; International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; International Trade Union Confederation for Asia and the Pacific; Jesuit Refugee Service Australia; MAP Foundation; Mekong Migration Network; Migrant Forum in Asia; Public Services Labour Independent Confederation; Save the Children; Scalabrini Migration Centre; Solidarity Centre Bangladesh; South Asian Regional Trade Union Council; Task Force on ASEAN Migrant Workers; Thai Committee for Refugees Foundation; and Warbe Development Foundation.

C. Election of officers

38. The Regional Preparatory Meeting elected the following officers:

Chair:	Ms. Sarah Lou Arriola (Philippines)
Vice-Chairs:	Mr. Abdul Latheef Mohamed (Maldives) Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque (Bangladesh) Mr. Gagik Yeganyan (Armenia)

D. Agenda

39. The Meeting adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the Meeting:
   - (a) Opening ceremony;
   - (b) Election of officers;
   - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Review of migration policies and programmes and their impact on facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration and on supporting all dimensions of sustainable development.
3. Thematic discussions on key issues in the Asia-Pacific region for facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration:
   - (a) Legal and orderly labour migration as a contribution towards all dimensions of sustainable development, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications and other relevant measures;
   - (b) Addressing the drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, and conflict prevention and resolution;
   - (c) Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, and issues of appropriate identification and protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims;
   - (d) Regional cooperation and governance with regard to migration in all its dimensions, including at borders and during transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration.
4. Consideration of the Chair's summary.
5. Adoption of the report of the Meeting.
6. Closing of the Meeting.

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E. Other events

40. The following seminars, side events and special events were held in conjunction with the Regional Preparatory Meeting:

(a) 6 November 2017, side event: "Global compact on migration: civil society voice", organized by the Government of Bangladesh;

(b) 7 November 2017, side event: "Mainstreaming the health of migrants into the global compact: a regional perspective", organized by IOM, the World Health Organization, the Government of the Philippines and the Government of Sri Lanka;

(c) 7 November 2017, side event: "Women migrant workers: barriers to mobility and the global compact for migration", organized by the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women, United Nations Action for cooperation against trafficking in persons and ILO;

(d) 8 November 2017, side event: "Migrant children in the Asia-Pacific region: how to address their needs and uphold their rights", organized by Save the Children, the United Nations Children's Fund and the International Detention Coalition;

(e) 8 November 2017, side event: "The global compact for migration and the international human rights protection system: addressing the root causes of migration", organized by the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, the Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants and the International Migrants Alliance;

(f) 8 November 2017, side event: Addressing irregular labour migration in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, organized by the Government of Bahrain, the Government of the Philippines, the Migrant Forum in Asia and IOM;

(g) 8 November 2017, side event: Exploring the nexus between the two Global Compacts from a gender-responsive perspective, organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Asia-Pacific Refugee Rights Network;

(h) 8 November 2017, special event: Measuring Sustainable Development Goal indicator 10.7.2 on countries with well-managed migration policies, organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, IOM and ESCAP;

(i) 8 November 2017, special event: Migration and sustainable development in North and Central Asia, organized by ESCAP.

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